



IABS – Interagency Airtanker Base Subcommittee

February 2020

IABS Members



Chair FS - Leslie Casavan



Co-Chair BLM - Kristina Curtis



Executive Secretary - Cindy Matthews



Primary Member FS - Justin Bohannon



Primary Member FS - Stan Goode



Primary Member BLM – Jimmy Hassler



Primary Member NASF - Matt Woodwick

IABS Current Projects

- Created the SEAT Unit and Airtanker Base Risk Management Unit
- Reviewing and updating IPDs
- Working with NWCG training in developing the FWPT training requirements
- Reviewing and updating SOPs
- Identifying volunteers for the 2 new units

Subcommittee Units

- Airtanker Base Training and Qualifications Unit (ABTQU)
Chair Robby Cline, IABS Liaison Stan Goode
- Airtanker Base Directory Unit (ABDU) Chair Kelly Mathis,
IABS Liaison Justin Bohannan
- Standards for Airtanker Base Operations Unit (SABOU) Chair
Les Dixon, IABS Liaison Matt Woodwick
- Airtanker Base Operational Risk Management Unit
(ABORMU) Chair Mary Loan, IABS Liaison Cindy Matthews
- SEAT Unit (SEATU) Chair vacant, IABS Liaison Jimmy
Hassler

Unit Current Projects

- IABDU
 - Waiting for application to be available on EGP then will enter information for all airtanker bases
- SABOU
 - 2020 SABO combination with the NWCG Standards for SEAT Ops
 - Waiting on the Changes doc then will send to NIAC
- ABORMU
 - Finalizing the risk assessment for airtanker base operations
 - Editing the existing risk assessments for airtanker and SEAT Ops
- ABTQU
 - Coordinating the National ATBM Workshop February 2021

NIAC Taskings

- 10/2017 Minimum required information for aircraft dispatch
 - Completed 2/2018
- 2/2018 Validate risk assessments in the Aviation Risk Assessment Workbook
 - Draft to NIAC 2/2020

Challenges

- Currently nationally standardized training does not exist for the ATB positions beyond the position task books, and S-273 (SEMG) is out of date.
- New vision of standards and training development
- Getting new people involved to help with projects
- Staffing and succession planning for the bases and for the units
- IABS and Unit member commitment and consistency
- Workload for IABS

Successes

- Replaced a BLM member of IABS
- Added two new units
- Communication flow seems to work
- Met in early February to finalize the 2020 SABO with the combination of the Standards for SEAT Operations – we can now reference one document for base ops
- 6 MNFS – 9 airtanker base specific topics added
- Airtanker Base Directory Application completed
- ATBM historical recognition for ATIM

Future Projects, Tasks or Issues

- Green, Amber, Red for airtanker base ops
- AD Pay Plan ATB revisions

Requests to NIAC

- Briefing papers for March's NIAC meeting
 - Extend primary member's commitment to maintain consistency and efficiency
 - Support the request to the ATB community for volunteers to add to the IABS Units
 - 2020 Draft SABO